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Smallpox in Naples.—During the week ended October 30, there were 3 cases of smallpox with 1 death reported at the health office of the city of Naples. A case of smallpox was discovered at the examination of the steerage passengers for the steamship *Madonna*, October 27. The patient was transferred to the Cotugno Hospital for contagious diseases. The contacts, 105 in number, were returned to their boarding houses and placed under observation; they were also revaccinated and their quarters disinfected.

October 25 the steamship *Menfi* arrived at Naples with 106 passengers from Alexandria and Beirut destined for the United States. These passengers were placed under observation and on inspection 1 case of smallpox was found among them. The patient was removed to the Cotugno Hospital and the contacts were vaccinated and their quarters disinfected.

MEXICO.

Report from the Superior Board of Health of Mexico—Yellow fever at Merida.

In compliance with articles 1 and 2 of the International Sanitary Convention held at Washington October 14, 1905, the president of the Superior Board of Health of Mexico reports that for the week ended November 6, 1 case of yellow fever was registered October 31 and 1 fatal case November 1 in the city of Merida, and that prophylactic measures against the disease continue to be carried out.

Coatzacoalcas—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thompson reports, November 11:

Two weeks ended November 10. Vessels inspected: October 29, steamships *Asian* for New Orleans and *San Cristobal* for Port Arthur; October 31, steamship *Oregonian* for Delaware Breakwater quarantine; November 3, steamships *Mexico* for New Orleans and *Civilian* for Galveston; November 4, steamship *Constantia* for a port in the United States; November 5, steamships *Thelma* for a port in the United States and *Louisianian* for New Orleans; November 6, steamship *Lewis Luckenbach* for Delaware Breakwater quarantine; November 8, steamship *Nicaragua* for Port Arthur; November 9, steamship *Cayo Gitano* for a port in the United States and for Veracruz and Tampico.

The health of the port is satisfactory.

Veracruz—Work of sanitary commission, month of October, 1909.

The following report of the chief of the sanitary commission was forwarded by Acting Assistant Surgeon Carter, November 23:

October, 1909.

Visits made to:

Nonimmunes.....	40, 863
Schools.....	384
Factories.....	209
Stores.....	473
Nonimmunes entering city.....	2, 578
Nonimmunes leaving city.....	2, 398
Houses disinfected.....	102

Deposits of water destroyed.....	7, 738
Deposits of water containing larvæ oiled.....	2, 354
Houses cleaned.....	30
Notices sent to house owners.....	8
Cases reported.....	4
Passengers inspected on trains.....	9, 765
Suspects isolated in hospitals.....	16

NICARAGUA.

Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports:

Five days ended November 6. Present officially estimated population, 2,500. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Mosquitoes present in large numbers, chiefly *Stegomyia calopus*.

No bills of health issued.

PORTO RICO.

Ponce—Quarantine transactions, month of October, 1909.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports, November 2:

Month of October, 1909.

Vessels inspected.....	19
Vessels in quarantine.....	5
Vessels disinfected.....	2
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	165
In transit.....	1, 281
Immigrants inspected.....	53
Rejections.....	0
Members of crews inspected.....	731
Passengers detained in quarantine.....	2
Bills of health issued.....	11
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	1

RUSSIA.

Libau—Examination of emigrants.

Acting Assistant Surgeon De Forest reports, October 30:

Week ended October 29: 638 passengers for steamship *Estonia*, sailing November 2, have been examined, and at time of sailing will have been in Libau for a period of 5 days.

VENEZUELA.

Caracas—Plague.

The following information is received from the Department of State, under date of November 19:

A telegram from the American minister at Caracas dated November 13 and received November 18, reads: "Two fatal cases of plague in Caracas November 11."